

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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ATTN:

Mr. John Thomas

NCDOT Coordinator

SUBJECT:

Permit Modification Request for Change in Construction Method for TIP I-2511CB, I-85 Improvements from North of SR 1002 to North of SR 2120 Near the Town of Spencer in Rowan County, State Project No. 8.1631503, Tip No. I-2511CB. Debit \$475 for Major WQC modification from WBS Element No. 34163.1.1.

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The revised construction method does not compromise NCDOT's compliance with the existing permit conditions. No new impact sites or additional impacts at existing sites will result from the change in construction methods. The construction modifications have been evaluated for compliance with the avoidance/minimization criteria and are in compliance with all previous Individual Permit factors, including the following:

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- Cultural Resources,
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Since the time the permit modification was submitted, an alternate method to construct the new stream channel and maintain traffic on SR 1915 has been developed. The new method is outlined below and illustrated on the attached revised permit drawings.

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The temporary channel design has been analyzed utilizing HEC-RAS to insure its stability during heavy rain events. The table below summarizes the anticipated velocities as well as the shear stresses associated with the 2, 5 and 10-year events.

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The NCDOT respectfully requests that the referenced Section 404 Permit be modified to reflect the construction method change outlined in this letter. The change produces no change to impacts in permitted areas. NCDOT is also hereby requesting a modification to the 401 Water Quality Certification from the NCDWQ. In compliance with Section 143-215.3D(e) of the NCAC, we have provided a method of debiting \$475, as noted in the subject line of this application, as payment for processing the Section 401 permit modification application. We are providing seven copies of this modification application to the NCDWQ for their review. Attached please find the updated permit drawings and half-size plan sheets of permit areas Site 5 and Site 5A. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Bill Barrett at (919) 715-1624.

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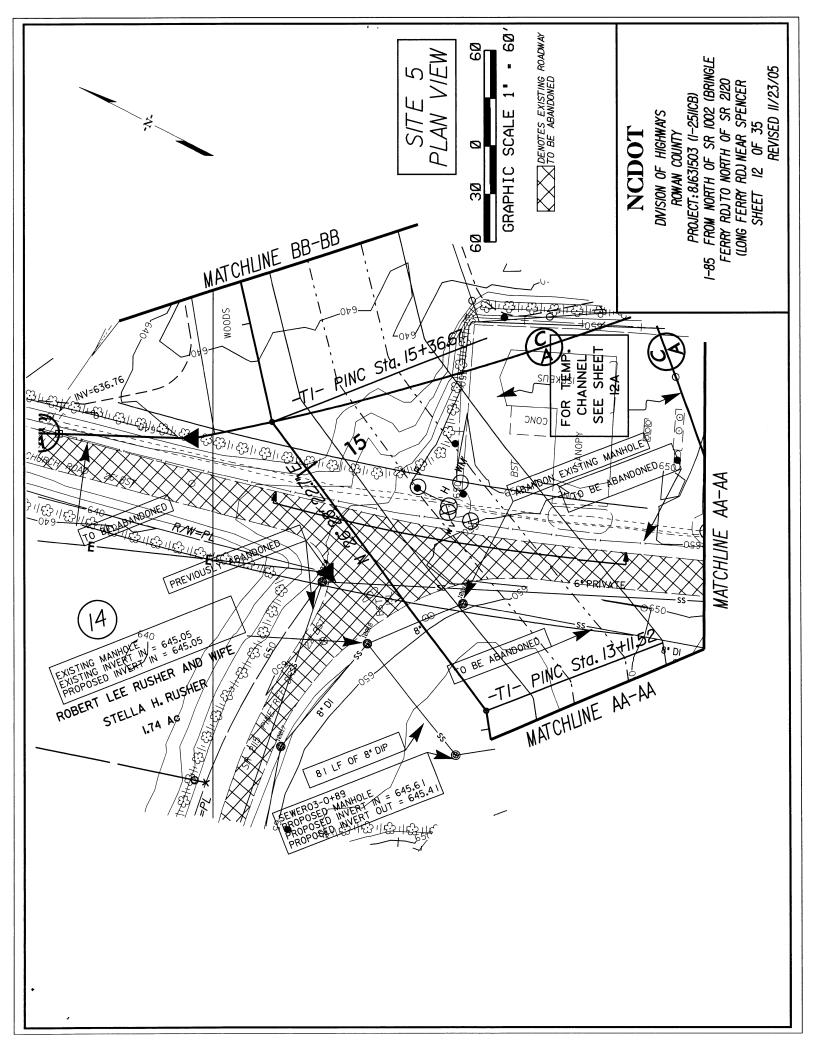
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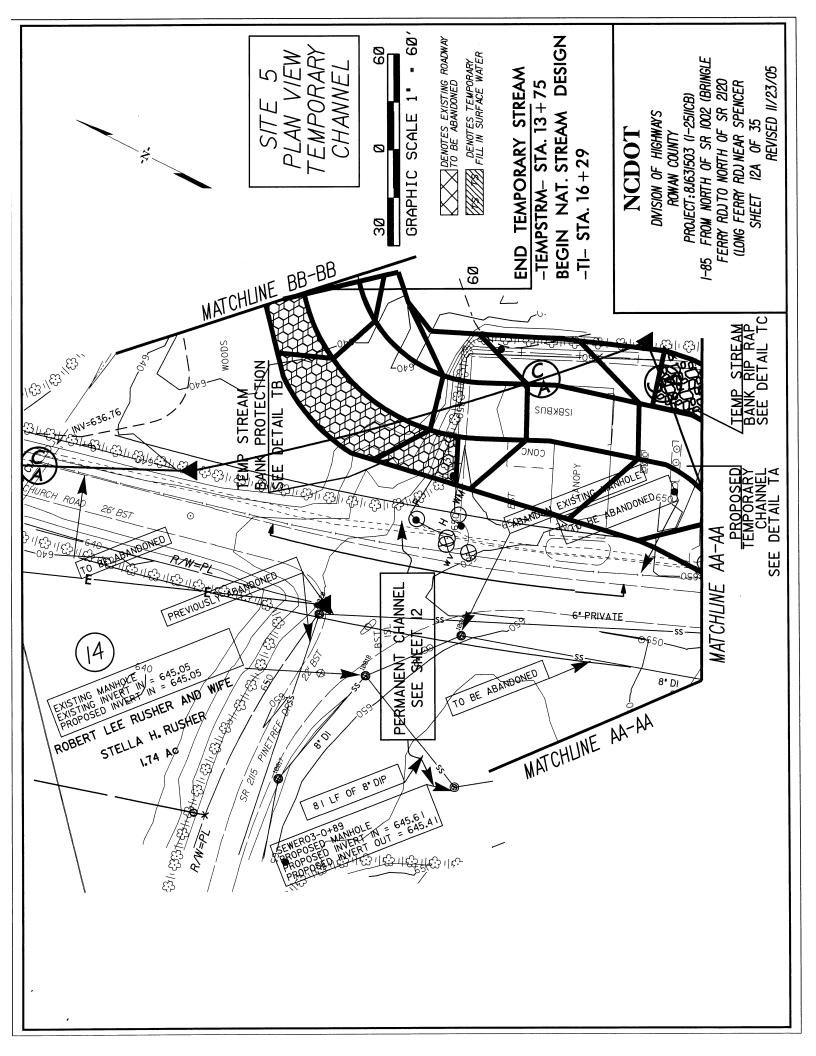
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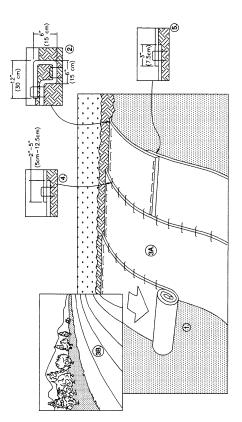


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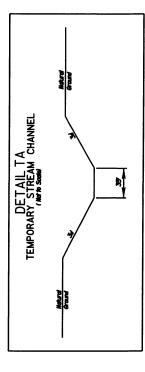


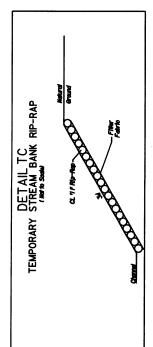
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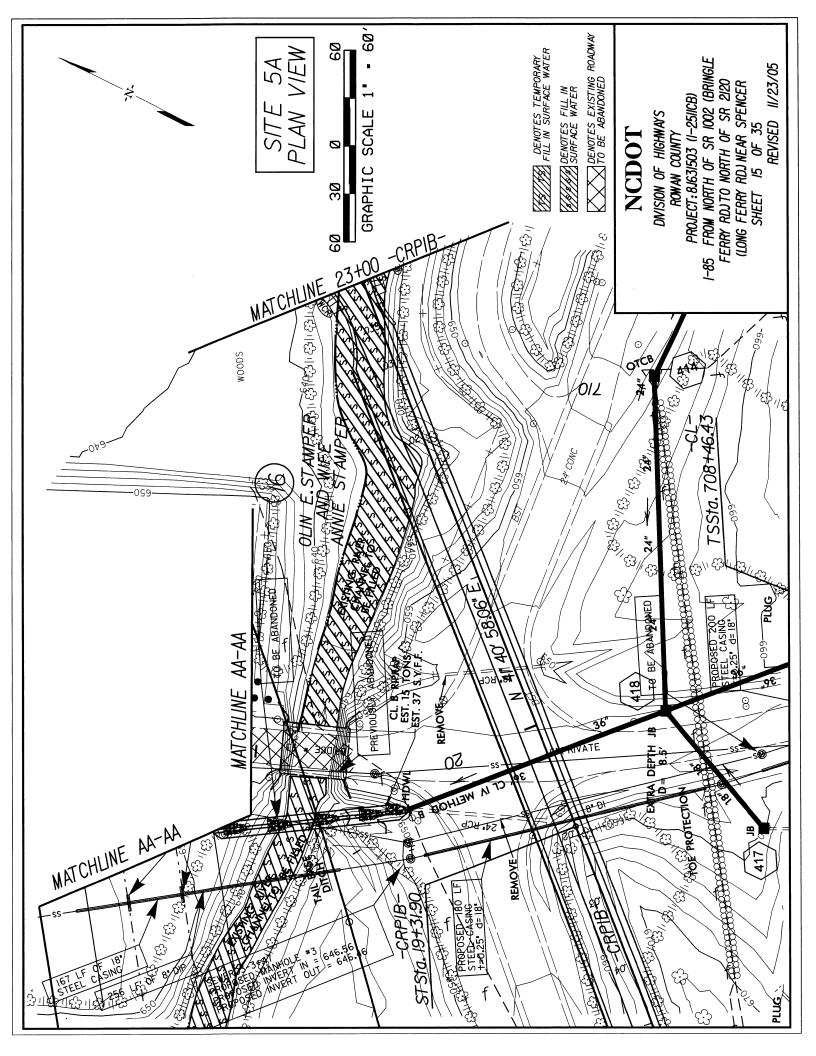
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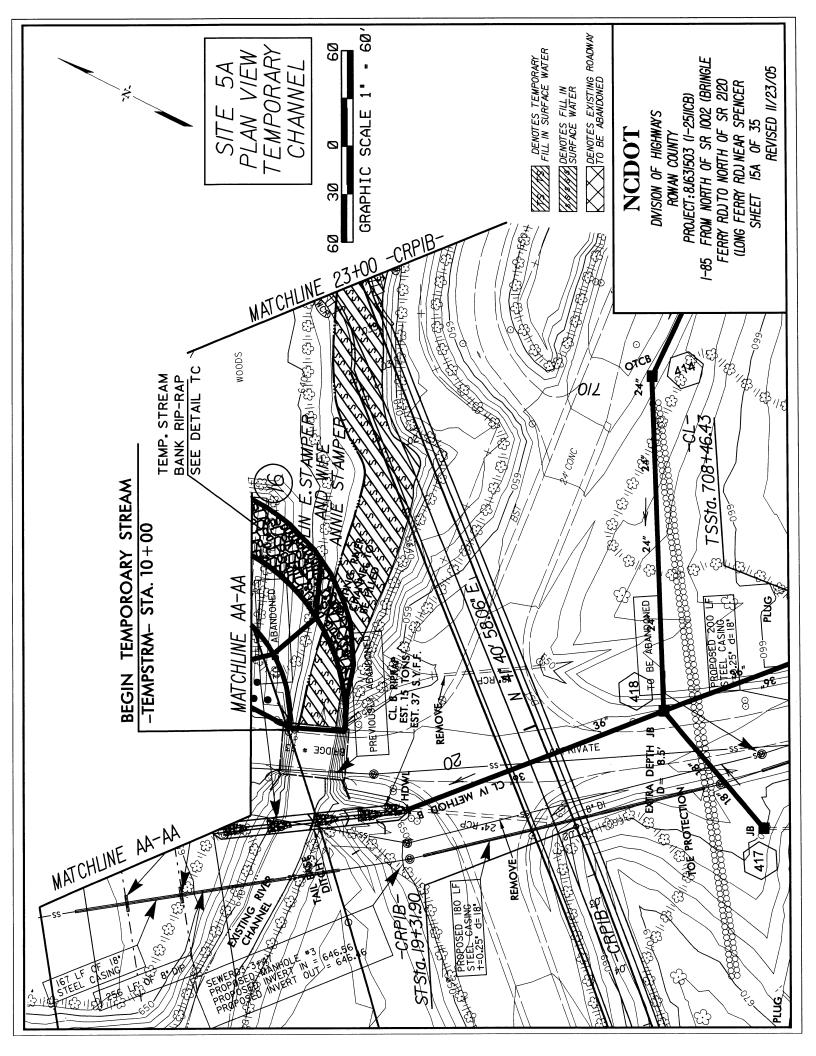
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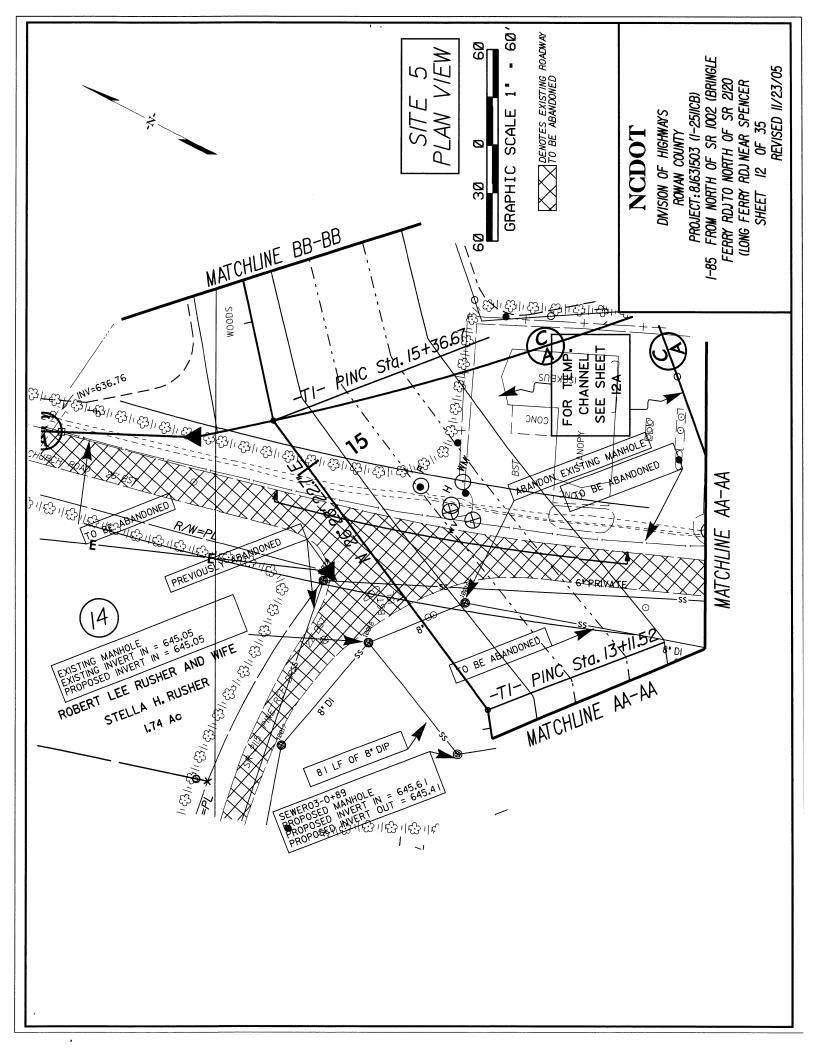
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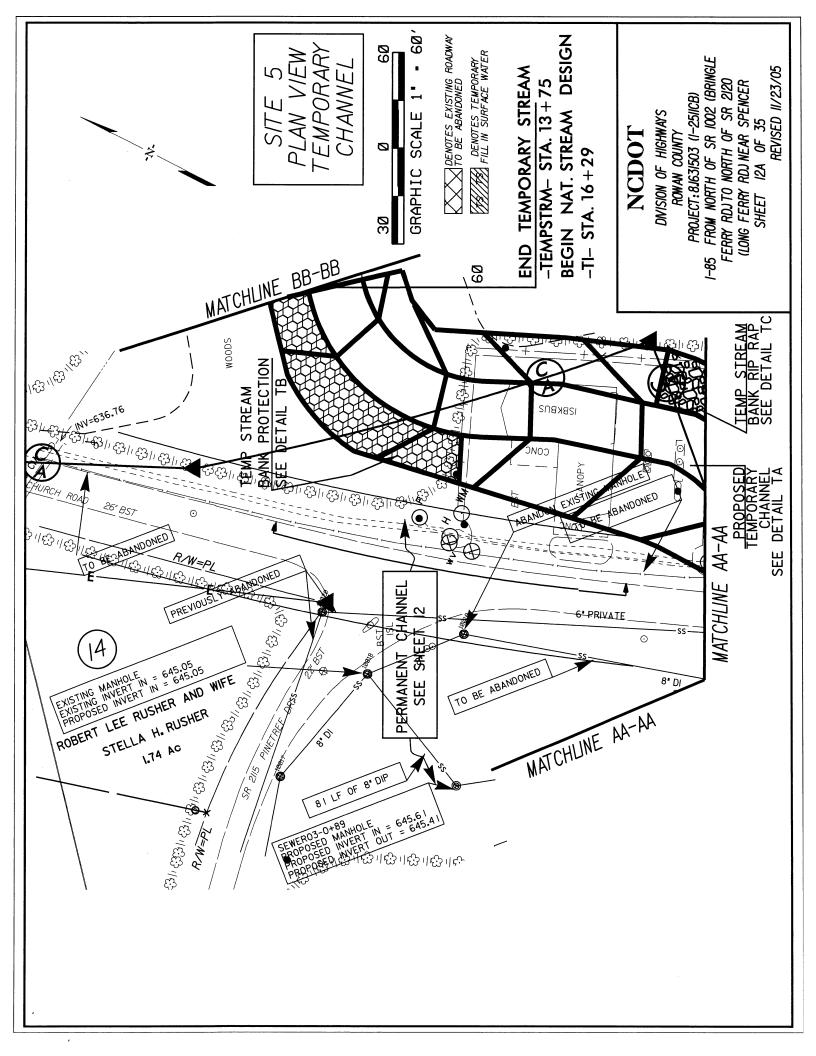
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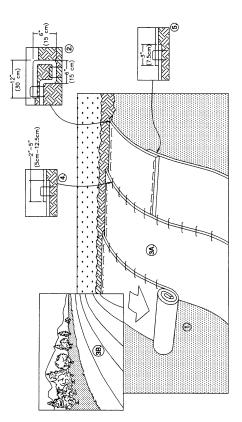






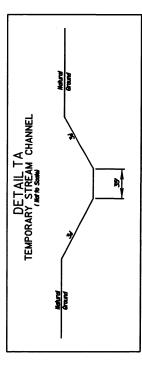


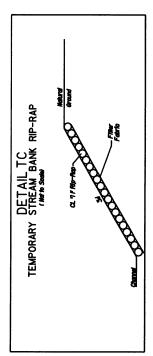
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